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COMMANDING OFFICER'S FAMILY READINESS POLICY STATEMENT

I believe there is a **direct correlation between Family Readiness and Combat Readiness**. My goals for the 3d Battalion, 1st Marines Family Readiness Program are to create and sustain a climate in which our families are encouraged, supported, and armed with the information and resources required to remain healthy, engaged, and educated.

Our families are the people from whom we frequently draw our strength. They embody our membership in "Part of Something Bigger Than Ourselves." They are also, unfortunately, the ones we leave behind as we go forward to do our duty in both training and in combat. Since our profession of arms necessitates long days, weeks, and months away from home, **it is imperative that we set the conditions to prepare our family members for the challenges that may arise in our absence.**

As previously stated, family readiness is a fundamental aspect of individual Marine and unit readiness. Marines and Sailors who fail to adequately prepare their families are consequently inwardly focused on the health and welfare of their loved ones back home. This can lead to a lack in focus on the battlefield, which itself is a recipe for disaster. Accordingly, it is directed that all hands in 3/1 understand that **it is an individual REQUIREMENT** to adhere to all Marine Corps Orders and regulations pertaining to preparing themselves and their family members for the upcoming Pre-Deployment Training Program and subsequent deployment. **Unit leaders are responsible** for acquainting their Marines and Sailors with the different programs and services available to support our family members. **Marines and Sailors are in turn responsible** for educating and familiarizing their family members with said programs.

**Integral to supporting this education and familiarization process is our unit's Family Readiness Officer (FRO), Mr. Paul Walters.** Per MCO 1754.9A, the FRO is the face of the Commander's Family Readiness vision and the hub of communication for the Unit, Personal, and Family Readiness Program (UPFRP). He provides coordination between the Commander, the Marines and Sailors, the families, and all the available resources and organizations, both on and off-base, which support our Program. **The FRO's primary duty is to communicate and serve as an information portal for our personnel and their families.** He has a difficult and challenging job, and I welcome and encourage any and all family members who wish to volunteer their time as Family Readiness Volunteers to assist in the execution of our readiness program.

The Unit, Personal, and Family Readiness Program is my responsibility as the Commanding Officer. However, **each and every Marine and Sailor within this battalion is a member of the Brahma Nation and has an inherent obligation to properly prepare his family for the challenges they will face both at home and overseas.** Our diligence together in the effort will enable The Thundering Third to maintain our focus on the battlefield and will set the stage for a joyful reunion with our families upon our return.

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